



INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Task Order 0001 Site 2
Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Type of Interview: In-Person (Second Interview)

Date of Interview: February 18, 2005

On February 18, 2005, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by Michael McCloskey, Senior Investigator, of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the Potentially Responsible Party search currently being conducted under Task Order 0001, Site 2 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site.") This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and does not want an attorney. No other persons were present during this interview and the interview was not tape-recorded. This interview was conducted as a follow-up interview that had been conducted with the WITNESS on December 7, 2004.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for area residents/Government officials.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site and this aerial photograph was used as a reference throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his associations with the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS reiterated that he has been a volunteer fire fighter with the Darby Township Fire Company since 1954. The WITNESS further stated that he was the Fire Chief from 1956 to 1965.

The WITNESS was asked if he could recall any additional information relating to the fire that occurred from the unloading of magnesium shavings by a truck on Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS reiterated that the truck was from either the General Electric Plant or the Westinghouse Plant. The WITNESS stated that he now recalls that the truck driver worked part-time for either Westinghouse or General Electric. The WITNESS stated that the truck driver was a full-time Philadelphia Police Officer. The WITNESS stated that since our last interview, he had questioned some of the older volunteer firemen about the incident. The WITNESS stated that a few of these individuals vaguely recalled the incident but were unable to provide specific information.

The WITNESS stated that he also recalls that the Collingwood Volunteer Fire Company was called to the scene to recover the body of the burnt driver. The WITNESS stated that the Collingwood Volunteer Fire Company was the only fire company that operated a bucket crane that could be used to retrieve a charred body.

The WITNESS stated that he also recalls that the truck was an enclosed 2.5- ton truck. He stated that the paint and any markings on the truck had been burnt off.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)